

U-M Undergraduate Student Chris Plampin's Remarks
School of Nursing Groundbreaking
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Good morning.

My name is Chris Plampin and I am honored to speak on behalf of my peers.

The School of Nursing has a long history of providing its students with an outstanding education from faculty conducting research that is improving the health and wellbeing of our society. Nurses here are prepared to be leaders: independent thinkers who are the change agents in the profession. Nurses who will challenge the status quo and leave a mark wherever they go. And it all starts with a nursing education from the University of Michigan.

Naturally, this excellent reputation drew me to the School of Nursing and ever since I received an email with the line "Congratulations Christopher! How does it feel to be a Wolverine?" I know I've made the right decision. The entire faculty and staff are committed to our success and as we move toward the future with our amazing new building, we will continue to exceed the expectations required of nurses in the changing world/workforce.

Imagine. What is now a parking lot will be home to a state of the art simulation laboratory where we will be able to experience the birth of a newborn on demand, and future generations of freshman will perform assessments. These experiences allow us to gain a foundation in nursing skills, all before we even interact with patients in a clinical setting; allowing us to perform our care with a professional and knowledgeable demeanour.

After all, this project is about students and we are excited to fill this new building with life, as only a nurse can do.

On behalf of my classmates, I would like to express my deepest gratitude and appreciation for our new building. Dean Potempa, Provost Hanlon, Regent Darlow, and President Coleman we thank you for your dedication to our future and the future of the nursing profession and we promise to take advantage of the remarkable resources we have now, and will have in the future, so that in the future, we can leave the Michigan difference on our communities.

Thank you.